

Taxpayer Suit Is Prepared in Traction Fight

Action To Be First in City Officials' Campaign to Block Enforcement of Governor's Transit Bill Plan Other Litigation

Appointment of New Board Soon Assured; La Guardia Hits 'Yellow' New Yorkers

Action by the city administration to block the enforcement of Governor Miller's transit bill, which will become a law as soon as the Governor signs the measure, was set on foot today by a taxpayer's suit.

The suit, it was learned yesterday, already is prepared. It will seek to enjoin the three transit commissioners to be appointed by the Governor from increasing fares. The ground will be taken that an arbitrary increase in fares without the consent of the city would be in violation of contracts existing between the city and the traction companies.

The suit will be started as an independent action by a taxpayer, but it is understood that the city will support it. Mayor Hylan and Corporation Counsel O'Brien, after consulting with Senator Hiram W. Johnson, of California, the city's eye-witness, have decided to follow the taxpayer's suit with one or more other suits attacking the constitutionality of the measure. (Neither Mr. O'Brien nor Senator Johnson yesterday would disclose the nature of the suit to be instituted by the city.)

Won't Attend Hearing
The Governor designated next Tuesday for a final hearing on the bill. City officials declared that they would not appear at the hearing. The Governor overrode his own measure and that any elaborate argument at Albany would be futile. It is unlikely that either Mr. O'Brien or Senator Johnson will go to Albany.

The creation of a new transit commission to supplant the present Public Service Commission within three weeks was looked upon as assured. Traction experts began to speculate as to the personnel of the new commission. Among a dozen possibilities those most prominently mentioned as likely to be selected were:

Blaine Walker, who was assistant secretary of the Public Service Commission when it was appointed by Governor Hughes and who later became secretary when Travis H. White was promoted to membership in the commission; George McAneny, who was President of the Borough of Manhattan when the dual subway plan was adopted; William J. Flinn, chief engineer of the original subway; Leroy T. Harkness, legal adviser to the Public Service Commission on rapid transit construction contracts; William F. Pennington, former Corporation Controller, who has had a long experience in traction questions and who supported the Miller plan; Oliver C. Semple, counsel for the commission since 1907 to 1913, and William Wilcox, who was chairman of the commission during the controversy over the dual contracts.

Calls N. Y. Legislators Yellow
"Weak-kneed, spineless and yellow," was F. H. La Guardia's characterization yesterday of the New York members of the Legislature who voted for the bill. The President of the Board of Aldermen issued a statement asserting that the members yielded to pressure. Mr. La Guardia said:

"No mercy is to be shown the weak-kneed, spineless, yellow representatives from New York City who were dominated by this political pressure. It is disgusting to see young men in their first term not alive to the spirit of today, permitting these old bosses, who will be the first to kick them out the minute they displease or disobey, bend to the dictates of the sponsors of this measure. Every one of them will go down to defeat."

"Those of us from the new school of politics will have to renew our vigor to drive out the stand-patters, reactionaries and corporation-serving bosses of the party. They drove out by Theodore Roosevelt, and now that he is gone they are creeping out of their holes and are trying to make up for lost time. We must renew our energies and drive them out again by pointing the finger of scorn constantly at them and defeat their subservient tools placed by them in representative positions."

Much Depends Upon Board
Local Republican leaders and they include Chairman Samuel S. Koenig, of the New York County organization—agree that once the bill is a law, the character and standing of the commissioners to be appointed by the Governor are going either to justify him in

Weather Report

Sun rises... 5:54 a.m. (Sun sets... 6:12 p.m.)
Moon rises... 7:27 p.m. (Moon sets... 6:46 a.m.)

Local Official Record—Increasing cloudiness and warmer to-day; showers, followed by clearing; wind, to-morrow; fresh southerly and south winds.

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1921	1920
2 a. m. ... 36	48 p. m. ... 49
5 a. m. ... 36	48 p. m. ... 49
8 a. m. ... 36	48 p. m. ... 49
11 a. m. ... 46	7:11 p. m. ... 48

Highest, 48 degrees (at 2:30 p. m.); low, 36 (at 8 a. m.); average, 42; average same date last year, 44; average same date for thirty-three years, 40.

Humidity
1 a. m. ... 64 (1 p. m. ... 48) 8 p. m. ... 80

Barometer Readings
1 a. m. ... 30.43 (1 p. m. ... 30.61) 8 p. m. ... 30.62

General Weather Conditions
WASHINGTON, March 23.—The air pressure remains abnormally high in the States and the Great Lakes. It is low and falling over the plains states and the Mississippi Valley and the Gulf States and the Gulf States.

The disturbance that was central Wednesday night over Kansas will advance rapidly to the southeast and be attended by unsettled weather and rains Thursday in the south Atlantic and Gulf States, Tennessee and the Ohio Valley and the region of the Great Lakes, and by Thursday afternoon or night on Friday in the north Atlantic states.

The temperature will rise generally east of the Mississippi River on Thursday.

Forecast by Districts—Eastern New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Increasing cloudiness and warmer to-day; showers, followed by clearing; wind, to-morrow; fresh southerly and south winds.

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Dusky Leander Wins Modern Hero by Swimming Hudson

Lillian Tibbets Promises to Marry First of Two Suitors to Accomplish Feat and G. Washington Taylor Does It on First Warm Day of Season

Hapless Leander tried to swim the Hellespont, guided only by Hero's lamp, and was drowned in the turbulent water, but G. Washington Taylor, of 2332 Creston Avenue, the Bronx, brought Grecian love up to date Sunday afternoon when he swam the Hudson at Dyckman Street, guided by the song of Lillian Tibbets, landing safely to be embraced by that lady and lionized by a coterie of admirers awaiting him with her.

Taylor is black as Erebus, tall and athletic. Miss Tibbets presides over the pastry kitchen in an uptown restaurant. Taylor and another were both suitors for the hand of the young woman. According to Taylor's story, he agreed to marry whichever of her two lovers should be first to swim the Hudson. So Sunday being the first warm day of the season, Taylor took time by the forelock. He was followed by a host of negroes who shouted encouragement as he progressed and

his strenuous reorganization program, make the remainder of the journey toward a solution of transit an uphill climb all the way.

Governor Miller has told his advisers that he wants names suggested for the places and he is receiving them day by day with arguments as to the fitness of the prospects.

Chairman George A. Glynn, of the state committee, after assisting in the passage of the transit measure on Tuesday, returned to state headquarters yesterday, well pleased with the carrying forward of the Governor's policies. When asked about the new commission, he said that he knew nothing about the names of the Governor's eligible list.

It is doubtful if the Governor takes any advice from strictly organization leaders in the present agency. The New York County organization is not in high favor with the Governor, following the refusal of so many of the Assemblymen and Senators to support the transit bill. Those who are to the Governor's aid, he will depend largely on his own judgment in selecting the commissioners and that they will be men of high ability and irreproachable character and of unquestioned integrity of impressionableness instigated by the local railway interests.

Seamen Not Bomb Plotters

The five seamen arrested on board the Cuban liner, the *Albatross*, who were landed at New Orleans in irons yesterday, will be brought to New York on the steamer *Aeolus*, which docks in Hoboken on March 28, according to Chief William J. Flynn, of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, who added in a statement issued last night that the men would be tried for mutiny, and that they were in no way connected with the Wall Street bomb explosion, as had been rumored.

Philip Bender, whose home is in New York City, is believed to have been the instigator of the mutiny, and is said to have exhibited radical tendencies, but Chief Flynn said an investigation had shown nothing connecting him or his associates with the bomb tragedy.

Says 1,500 Tailors Are Out

According to Emanuel Jacob, national organizer of the Journeymen Tailors' Union, 238 East Forty-first Street, about 1,500 men thus far have responded to the strike call. He said yesterday that many non-union men are joining the ranks of the strikers and will stay out until they get a \$40 minimum wage a week and a forty-four-hour week.

According to the Merchant Tailors' Association, 241 Fifth Avenue, the strike has had no visible effect on its members. Officials of the association refused to discuss the strike for publication, but it was intimated that the demands of the strikers will not be acceded to. A statement outlining the association's position may be issued to-day.

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He yelled at Mrs. Bear, for somewhere he had read that most wild animals are frightened by the sound of the human voice. Mrs. Bear simply growled more than ever and her little eyes snapped. It was clear to her that this two-legged creature was afraid of him. She was growling with deep growls in her throat. Those growls were deep, grumbly, rumbling growls, and they gave Farmer Brown's boy a prickly feeling all over.

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Maid Accuses Mrs. McFadden Of Jewel Theft

Ex-Governor, Arrested on Larceny Charge, Says Philadelphia and Mother Stole Their Own Gems Freed on Habeas Corpus

Pearls and Other Stones Worth \$500,000 Disappeared Last October

Special Dispatch to The Tribune PHILADELPHIA, March 23.—Mme. Jeanne Aubriet, arrested last Thursday on a charge of larceny and conspiracy resulting from the disappearance last October of \$500,000 worth of jewels from the Villanova home of George H. McFadden Jr., was released from custody this afternoon. Mme. Aubriet was formerly a governess in the McFadden household.

The woman's release was ordered by Judge Isaac Johnson at the close of a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus begun in Media yesterday. Blanche Maguit, formerly a maid in the McFadden household, is out on bail under charges similar to those preferred against the governess.

Sensational testimony was introduced into the proceedings when Mr. McFadden and John C. Bell, attorney for the McFaddens, testified that Mme. Aubriet told them that the jewel theft was the result of a plot between Mrs. McFadden and her mother, Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Clyde, of Bryn Mawr, to dispose of the jewels and go to France and live on the proceeds.

For telling of the plan, McFadden and Bell said, she demanded \$50,000.

Charges Extortion
George Wharton Pepper, counsel for Mrs. Clyde, said after the hearing, that it was the desire of his client and the McFaddens to show on court records how unjust was such an accusation.

Sharp verbal clashes between J. Bor-ton Weeks, of Chester, counsel for Mme. Aubriet, and Mr. Bell featured the hearing. Judge Johnson found it necessary to exert his authority on several occasions.

Mr. McFadden testified that Mme. Aubriet tried to extort \$50,000 from him as compensation for "saving the honor of the family" by revealing the alleged plot of Mrs. McFadden and her mother to steal their own jewels.

"I had a series of interviews with Mme. Aubriet over a period of six weeks," said Mr. McFadden. "At the first interview she said that she knew how the jewels were taken. She would not discuss it, as she stated that she had to talk first with a Mr. Kimball from New York."

"At a second interview, at which a private detective was present, she asked what guaranty I would give her that she wouldn't be put in jail. I told her that if she was innocent she needed no guaranty. Mme. Aubriet repeated the question about the guaranty several times. She said I had promised her \$50,000 if she produced the jewels."

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Banker's Wife and Her Mother Dead; Inquiry Is Ordered

Coroner Says Two Women Ended Lives by Poison in Home of S. Fletcher, an Indiana Millionaire

INDIANAPOLIS, March 23.—Circumstances surrounding the deaths to-day of Mrs. Stoughton A. Fletcher and Mrs. Eva Henley, wife and mother-in-law, respectively, of Stoughton A. Fletcher, millionaire sportsman and banker, will be investigated at a formal inquest probably Friday or Saturday, Dr. Paul F. Robinson, Coroner of Marion County, announced to-night. Dr. Robinson, in a statement to-night, said the women committed suicide by drinking poison.

Mr. Fletcher left for Chicago last night, but returned here this evening.

The body of Mrs. Fletcher was found this morning by her mother, according to Russell Stahl, butler. Stahl said he was summoned by Mrs. Henley, who was bending over her daughter's body, and ordered to bring a stimulant. When he returned Mrs. Henley had disappeared. Stahl said. According to Dr. Robinson, Mrs. Henley was found a short time later in her own room in a dying condition and lived only a few minutes.

The coroner said he found a glass containing poison in Mrs. Fletcher's room. He also declared that Mrs. Fletcher had been dead six or seven hours before her body was discovered. According to members of the household, Mrs. Fletcher retired to her room last evening and was not seen again until her mother found her body this morning.

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As a General Thing it is the Quiet People

who do the best thinking and perform the most good work.

Idle people who have the least to do overtalk, while those who are constantly occupied have little time or opportunity to devise and exploit upsetting affairs.

Any gun that goes off half-cocked is dangerous. Almost every day there is an account in the newspapers of careless things said and done without proper consideration. (Signed)

John W. Wainwright

March 24, 1921.

Easter Plants Fresh This Morning!

"The fragrance whispers that the flower is there," sang the poet!

Easter flowers in pots, growing in a glory of spring blooming, a rainbow-shattered in a thousand bits, a bouquet of sweet fragrances! Where shall we begin?

With a bank of Easter lilies, hundreds of them—tall, traditionally white, their heads all heavy with their own perfume?

Or roses? Rose-trees tall, rose-trees small, rose-trees red and white. Crimson Ramblers trained into lovely shapes, fans, screens, pagodas, birdcages, parasols. Dainty Dorothy Perkins in a bouffant frock of fluff-pink and white. Thousand Beauty, a new belle who has lately joined the rose-tree group, with healthy blooms of shading pinks and white. Hiawatha, another new climber, single-flowered, red-petaled, yellow-centered. The Hybrid Tea, a short, heavy-headed rose whose blooms have such a sturdy, rich perfume.

Yellow Genestas, like tufted canaries, singing in the sun. Domestic azaleas, such a family of bright colors—dazzling white, pale pink, deep rose and royal amethyst, fit for princesses.

A regiment of tulips salutes you on the left, from red to gold and every tone between. On the right, a cordon of Hydrangeas, in wonderful Easter raiment of china blue, pale mauve and white.

Hyacinths will fill your rooms with lingering sweetness, and marguerites and candy-tufts will cheer them with their laughing eyes.

The sultry cyclamen hides her blushing face; the pale spirea lifts her slender stalks; the feathery acacia takes you back to early Roman springs.

Orange trees glow for your blue and orange room; palms, ferns in graceful hanging baskets are brilliant spots of last-year's green.

While tall and regal on their slender stems rise calla lilies, white and brilliant gold. All in pots, these Easter blossoms are blooming and growing for you now. Many of them will last for several weeks. Plant them in your garden in a month or two and next season they will bloom again as colorful and sweet as ever. Buy potted plants and flowers for Easter gifts this year!

Fourth Gallery, New Building.

Candies, Boxes and Favors for Easter

Particularly acceptable as Easter gifts are handsome newly imported candy boxes from Paris, filled with chocolates, caramels and bon-bons from the CAMEL shop.

The boxes are in paper, of odd shapes and gay designs, 35c to \$2.25. In satin and hand-decorated they are more generous still at \$15 up.

Gay little boxes and baskets, all shapes and sizes, are mounted with a chic, or bunny or a tiny doll, attired in costume, in perfect in every detail, ready to join the Easter parade. 12c to \$1 each.

Jack Horner Pies
Such wonderful pies, in rice, lilac, jonquil and jade, that no other table decoration could possibly be needed. In shapes of huge Easter eggs, chicken-coops, bunny baskets and rose-balls, fashioned of crepe paper and containing twelve plums, trimmed with the finest quality of silk satin, with sleeve linings of white silk; \$75.

A pair of striped worsted trousers, \$15.

A LINCOLN-BENNETT (London) silk hat, \$27—tax included in the price.

Price, \$3.

Eighth Gallery, New Building.

Lansing's Book Ready Friday

"The Peace Negotiations" is a highly personal narrative, and advance orders are coming in in great numbers. It will answer many questions that people are curious to have explained about the conference at Paris.

Price, \$3.

Eighth Gallery, New Building.

Last Seven Days—March Housekeeping Sales

It is not big type and big talk in the newspapers—but the quality, fashion and fair price of the goods in the store which make value and give lasting satisfaction.

VENETIAN GLASS

Fifty Cases in Absolutely New Forms

AU QUATRIEME

Last summer, when the Au Quatrieme Collectors were in Murano, Italy, they designed some new and altogether different Venetian glass. All of the delightful, amusing things for tables in country houses—things like candlesticks, compotes and center-dishes—have taken new shapes that no one ever thought

of before. And these designs are our own; we worked them out with the artist-designers among the makers of glass in Murano.

There are at least six new forms of candlesticks, and really, these are the most amusing shapes we have ever had. Imagine candlesticks in the form of little squat turtles, that accommodate a bear a candle on their backs, or in the form of a hollow gourd of glass in one of the shimmering Venetian glass colors.

Besides these, there are candlesticks in the shape of dolphins with spirally twisted tails, and holding candles in their mouths. Very simple and beautifully designed are other candlesticks that are decorated with the characteristic

tic Venetian diamond. Birds that bear candles on their backs, may be had in either opaque or transparent glass.

All these in exquisite colorings. Not only the lovely colors that we have grown to associate with Venetian glass, but also three new and amazingly lovely colors we have never had before. One of these is a beautiful deep orange, like concentrated sunlight. Another is that famous Venetian ruby red that changes to vermillion in the light. The third is a new deep aquamarine blue that has a trace of sapphire in it.

Center Dishes and Compotes
Venice has always used as decorative motifs animals of the sea, and from some of these old motifs we have evolved these lovely